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FM O. LUNDBERG, INMARSAT, LONDON  
TO MR. WILLIAM SCHNEIDER, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHDC

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FURTHER TO MY LETTER DATED 29 APRIL AND OUR SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON, I SHOULD TELL YOU THAT WE HAVE SINCE BEEN APPROACHED BY THE CHINESE IN RELATION TO THE LONG MARCH 3 LAUNCHER. WE ARE IN FACT EXPECTING TO HAVE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM AT THE BEGINNING OF JUNE AND WILL CERTAINLY HAVE TO REPORT TO THE INMARSAT COUNCIL AT THE BEGINNING OF JULY AT THE SAME TIME AS WE REPORT ON THE SOVIET PROTON OFFER. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF YOU WOULD CONSIDER WHETHER THE SAFEGUARDS YOU MAY WISH TO SEE APPLIED TO A PROTON LAUNCH SHOULD ALSO BE APPLICABLE TO LONG MARCH 3. I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND YOU OF OUR NEED FOR AN URGENT RESPONSE FROM YOU? THE END OF THIS MONTH IS ABOUT THE LATEST WHICH WOULD GIVE US TIME TO ADEQUATELY PREPARE A PAPER FOR THE INMARSAT COUNCIL.

O. LUNDBERG  
DIRECTOR GENERAL

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